

Unit 3: Collection 8
Selection Test

READING AND LITERATURE

The Soul selects her own Society Emily Dickinson**This is my letter to the World** Emily Dickinson

COMPREHENSION Circle the letter of the best answer to each of the following items. (50 points; 5 points each)

1. In "The Soul selects her own Society," the soul shuts her door when—
 - A) she is commanded to do so by her divine majority
 - B) the emperor asks her to do so
 - C) she has chosen the person with whom she belongs
 - D) she is crushed by her responsibilities
2. In "The Soul selects her own Society," how does the soul react to the chariots and the emperor?
 - A) The soul is unmoved.
 - B) The soul is impressed.
 - C) The soul bows to the pressure to react.
 - D) The soul rebels in fury.
3. In "The Soul selects her own Society," after the soul chooses one society, she sometimes—
 - A) blooms with renewed strength
 - B) dies without regret
 - C) makes everyone feel welcome
 - D) shuts herself off from others
4. What can you infer about the soul from the words *shuts*, *unmoved*, and *close*?
 - A) The soul detests all people.
 - B) The soul controls her own fate.
 - C) Once hurt, the soul can never recover.
 - D) The soul requires divine intervention to change.
5. What does the ending of "This is my letter to the World" reveal about the speaker?
 - A) She hopes her poetry becomes popular.
 - B) She hopes people can understand her poetry.
 - C) She hopes future readers are not too critical of her.
 - D) She does not care about the opinions of other people.

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6. "The Soul selects her own Society" demonstrates the poet's—
 - A) reliance on classical forms
 - B) love for everyday language
 - C) use of elaborate imagery and figures of speech
 - D) strong sense of end rhyme
7. In "The Soul selects her own Society," the soul determines a person's—
 - A) desire for change
 - B) deepest relationships
 - C) happiness
 - D) self-confidence
8. In "This is my letter to the World," what can you infer from the lines "Her Message is committed / To Hands I cannot see—"?
 - A) Dickinson wanted her poems to be published during her lifetime.
 - B) Dickinson expected her poems to be read by others in the future.
 - C) Dickinson wanted her poems destroyed after her death.
 - D) Dickinson never expected anyone to read her poems.
9. Which lines in "This is my letter to the World" relate to the poet's reclusive nature?
 - A) "This is my letter to the World / That never wrote to Me"
 - B) "The simple News that Nature told— / With tender Majesty"
 - C) "Her Message is committed / To Hands I cannot see—"
 - D) "for love of Her—Sweet—countrymen— / Judge tenderly—of Me"
10. In "for love of Her—Sweet—countrymen—," the speaker is referring to—
 - A) unrequited love
 - B) lost love
 - C) love of Nature
 - D) love for the people who live in the country

LITERARY FOCUS Circle the letter of the best answer to each of the following items. (20 points; 5 points each)

11. In "This is my letter to the World," using "Me" in the **exact rhymes** in lines 2 and 4 of both stanzas—
 - A) reinforces the poem's majesty
 - B) emphasizes the speaker of the poem
 - C) allows the poet to downplay the neglect of the world
 - D) calls attention to the message rather than the speaker

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12. The words from "The Soul selects her own Society" that contain an **exact rhyme** are—
 - A) one / stone
 - B) door / more
 - C) society / majority
 - D) nation / attention
13. Which words from "This is my letter to the World" contain an **exact rhyme**?
 - A) World / told
 - B) Majesty / tenderly
 - C) see / Me
 - D) wrote / told
14. In "The Soul Selects her own Society," what makes "pausing / kneeling" and "Gate / Mat" **slant rhymes**?
 - A) Similar but not identical vowel sounds
 - B) Identical number of syllables
 - C) Identically stressed vowel sounds
 - D) Identical final consonants

READING FOCUS. Circle the letter of the best answer to each of the following items. (10 points; 5 points each)

15. What **rhyme scheme** is used in the first stanza of "This is my letter to the World"?
 - A) Every line ends in a slant rhyme.
 - B) Every line ends in an exact rhyme.
 - C) Every other line ends in a slant rhyme; the other lines use internal rhyme.
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FIFTEEN MINUTE TIMED WRITING. (20 points)

17. On a separate sheet of paper, describe the effect that slant rhyme creates in Dickinson's poems. Then, explain how Dickinson's use of slant rhyme is similar or dissimilar to the lyrics of hip-hop or another type of music. Support your ideas with details from one or both poems.